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## THIS AND THAT

**Coming Events.**  
Valentine Teacher's Association—Dec. 12.  
K. of P. Dance—Dec. 18.  
Christmas—Dec. 25.  
1897—January 1.  
County Commissioners—Jan. 5.

**Fur Coats at Stinard's.**

**K. of P. dance next week.**

**Did you see the Camel at Stinard's.**

**Men's Arctic one dollar per pair at Stinard's.**

**Prof. Ted Ormesher was in town Saturday.**

**J. R. Fee came down from Grookston yesterday.**

**J. Greve, of Dodge, Nebr. was in town Tuesday.**

**Pearl Porter came up from Wood Lake Tuesday.**

**The party of hunters last Sunday caught four jack rabbits.**

**Dave Hanna and W. G. Ballard are up from Wood Lake today.**

**C. C. Parker, ex-sheriff, is down from Lavaca on court business.**

**John Haebler was up from Kennedy on business the first of the week.**

**Jas. M. Ash was up from Ainsworth on court business Monday.**

**Prof. Daniel Adamson, of Kennedy, called on THE DEMOCRAT Tuesday.**

**10,000 envelopes just received by THE DEMOCRAT. Get a supply printed.**

**Miss Edith M. Stark has closed her school in the Harmony district for the present.**

**L. N. Layport spent a few days last week on the reservation, returning Saturday.**

**S. W. Chestnut, of Gordon, was in town Tuesday attending to some business matters.**

**Prof. Jas. Hughes, of Spauk, was in town Friday and paid us a business and social call.**

**Prof. Jos. Wisser, of Nenzel, was in town this week attending court and made us a pleasant call.**

**John Steinbrecher, of Georgia, Kilgore and Ripley, was in town Monday, returning home Tuesday.**

**Chas. Tate came down from Enlow precinct, where he has been surveying, and spent a few days at home this week.**

**Frank Whittecar returned to Ainsworth Saturday, having completed his work here as government brick inspector.**

**Under the auspices of the Y.M.S.C. a party was given at Hornby's Hall last night. About 40 young people were present.**

**It is reported that the approach on the north end of the Berry bridge is badly washed out, prohibiting traffic in that direction.**

**The "court house," Fischer's saloon, the Palace saloon, Sages's barber shop and The Donohoe, are all graced with storm doors.**

**Mrs. Vivian Lawrie spent Saturday and Sunday in town visiting friends while on her way from a two week's vacation at Cody to her school at Dry Creek.**

**L. F. Corbitt, Arthur Townsend, Frank Whittecar and Henry Lockmiller came up from Ainsworth last night to attend a sale of quartermaster's goods at Fort Niobrara.**

**C. E. Bowring came up from Missouri as a witness on the Dobson case, and will spend the holidays here. He will go to Virginia for the Chamberlain Medicine Co. the first of January and will remain until spring.**

**J. F. Guth has purchased the half interest in The Exchange saloon owned by the heirs of the late Walter Hare, and will run the business alone, hereafter. Johnny is a good saloon man and his evident prosperity is but the natural result of his business ability.**

**Howard J. Case, John W. Strong and Chas. Stephenson were given a preliminary hearing before Judge Walcott last Friday on a new information filed by County Attorney Clarke charging them with stealing 23 head of cattle from John Ahrens. The case against Stephenson was dismissed and the other defendants were bound over to district court in the sum of \$500, and will appear this week.**

**WANTED:—Competent girl or woman for general house work.**  
MRS. W. E. WAITE,  
Kennedy Nebr.

**F. K. Bivens came home from Rosebud reservation Monday evening, after five months' absence working at the carpenter trade. He is afflicted with a sore hand and had to quit work on that account.**

**The creditors of the defunct Chadron Banking Company will soon be paid a dividend of 50 cents on the dollar. It is expected that another dividend of 25 cents will be declared in the course of time.**

**Art. Sherman is assisting Jackson & Brayton, the Red Front store people, to take care of their holiday rush of business. The assistance is needed, judging from the number of people seen in their store.**

**Only a few more signers are required on the petition to the school board asking them to call a special election for the purpose of voting on a proposition to build a new school house. Let the good work go on.**

**J. H. Quigley returned from his ranch at Cody last Friday evening after an absence of about three weeks. He reports everything in that section of the county as getting along finely. Cattle are doing well.**

**Ice a foot thick is now being put up by the butchers and ice men for next summer's use. Ice of such thickness was never known here before at this season of the year—the last week in November.—O'Neill Sun.**

**W. R. Towne and daughter, Maud, made a visit to northwest Missouri and southern Iowa the past week. Mr. Towne returned Tuesday night. He does not seem very favorably impressed with his old stamping ground, and says he would not live there again for the whole country.**

**Dr. A. Lewis is covering the sides and front of his drug store with sheet iron. U. G. Dunn and H. W. Graham doing the work. When completed Dr. Lewis will have almost a new building so far as the outside is concerned. The improvement will also add greatly to the looks of our town.**

**The current number of Farm, Stock and Home, Minneapolis, Minn. should be read by every farmer in the state. In fact, for a farmer to miss reading any number of that excellent journal is a misfortune which he can escape almost without money and without price, by taking it in connection with the DEMOCRAT.**

**P. J. Donohoe, so well known and liked by many Cherry county citizens, has been spending a week here with his mother and sisters, although his friends managed to monopolize a good portion of his time. Pete is employed in the revenue collector's office at Omaha, under Jacob North.**

**Len Graves returned Sunday morning from a trip to Wyoming. He was there during the recent storm. He said there was considerable loss of cattle and likely to be more. A car load of thirty calves shipped from the southern part of the state froze to death in the cars at Sheridan.—Hyannis Tribune.**

**Ira Johnson, Sampson Bradley, Wesley Holsclaw and G. H. Sawyer, who were drawn on the petit jury, were excused from service by Judge Kinkaid. Levi Woodruff sent word he was ill and could not be present, while A. J. Plummer never recognized the court at all. An investigation may follow.**

**Last month over \$4,000 taxes were collected by County Treasurer Crabb. With the exception of the months when the railroad company sends in its "dough" this is the largest amount collected in one month during the last three years. Prosperity (notices of delinquencies) is doing its work in this county.**

**Mr. J. L. Johnson, of Chicago, Ill., was the guest of our fellow townsman C. H. Cornell a few days the past week. Mr. Johnson is interested in the establishment of various manufacturing industries and while here examined the feasibility of putting in a beet sugar factory. He seemed very favorably impressed with the town, and we can say for him that a more thorough gentleman has never come under our observation.**

## NOT GUILTY

### H. J. CASE IS ACQUITTED OF CATTLE STEALING

**After the Jury had Been out for Over 19 Hours—The Trial and Verdict Were Fair—Other Business Done in District Court.**

District court convened Monday morning with Judge Kinkaid on the bench. The first day was consumed in hearing cases of minor importance, a record of the various transactions being given below. Several divorces were granted, among them being Anna M. Ash vs. James M. Ash, on the charge of abandonment. No fight was made and the parents are left joint guardians of the children. Louis Gallineaux was granted a divorce from Nellie Gallineaux, Charles K. Brower from Mollie Brower, Sarah A. Blair from Oscar A. Blair and Elsie Ulrick from John H. Ulrick. This leaves three divorce cases yet to be disposed of, viz: Hugh R. Sears vs. Lottie Sears, John Hoffman vs. Amalie Hoffman and Stella E. Grooms vs. Jacob M. Grooms.

The foreclosure record will be found in another column. A number of naturalization papers were issued, among them being second papers to Lars Pederson, Mary Sedlacek and Michael Kennealy.

Tuesday jury cases were called and a sensation was sprung when the case of State of Nebraska vs. Alexander Dobson was called up. The state was anxious to go to trial and had its case all laid out, when the defense produced a letter from L. W. Steele, the prosecuting witness, in which he said he would agree to not prosecute if defense would pay him \$100 cash, intimating that he thought the proposition a very fair one in regard to the amount. The letter was signed "L. W. S." but numerous witnesses are ready to swear that the writing was Steele's. Of course the presentation of this letter was all that was needed to have the case dismissed, so it was done. M. F. Harrington refusing to prosecute. Thus about \$1,400 of the county's money has been spent for nothing. It is said that several parties are anxious to learn of Steele's whereabouts, but can't do it.

When State vs. Henry Vanleer, charged with shooting with intent to kill, was called, defense was ready for trial, but Judge Tucker asked to have the case passed until his principal witness, J. R. Lee, could arrive. As he did not come by noon, his recognizance of \$100 was ordered forfeited and the court issued an order for the delivery of his person and that of his wife in court. Lee made his appearance yesterday, and Chas. Sherman is now away after Mrs. Lee. When she arrives the case will be tried.

The cases of State vs. Jas. Ogle, adultery, Alice Eakin, adultery, and Alice Eakin and Jas. Ogle, larceny, were dismissed, as was also the case of State vs. Cyrus Wolfenden, charged with assault with intent to commit rape on the person of Mary Sedlacek. There was not enough evidence in either of the cases to warrant prosecution.

State vs. Howard J. Case and John W. Strong was commenced Tuesday forenoon. Ed. Clarke and M. F. Harrington appeared as prosecuting attorneys and J. Wesley Tucker and John H. Burns, the latter of Deadwood, for the defendants. Separate trial for Case and Strong was allowed, and Case was first arraigned and pleaded not guilty to either of the counts in the information that charged him with stealing the cattle also receiving stolen property. The defense exhausted all its peremptory challenges in securing a jury, and as finally sworn the jury was composed of the following: Alex Hoffman, J. W. Beed, G. E. Russell, F. W. Beck, A. Benson, Edwin Cooper, J. W. Steele, F. M. Seger, Harold Zeilian, F. K. Bivens, Chas. Hoffman, G. N. Folsom.

After the opening statements of counsel J. W. Stetter was called and swore to the ownership of the eight head of cattle described in the information. John Ahrens, who formerly owned the cattle and who was keeping them temporarily with 28 head of his own, told what had happened the cattle were stolen, and described the finding of seven head of his own stock. Freda

Ahrens told how Case had visited their place about a month prior to the theft, and had seen the cattle. Then the following witnesses were put on the stand: Bert E. Johnson, Chas. Stephenson, Thomas Johnson, Amos Strong, John L. Walter Meltendorf, Charles Bullis, George Hammond.

Put together their story is as follows:

On Sunday night Aug. 23d, 23 head of cattle were stolen from the pasture of John Ahrens, 8 head of which belonged to J. W. Stetter. On that day Walter Meltendorf tried to hire a horse and saddle of Case, but Case refused it saying he wished to use it. Case was not about his usual haunts on Monday morning, but at 11 o'clock appeared at his hay camp 23 miles southwest where Bert Johnson, Jack Strong and Chas. Stephenson were working. The day was warm but his horse appeared cool and he said he spent the night at John Lord's. That night George Mills appeared at camp, being introduced to Johnson as George Emory. Next day Mills and Strong left the ranch ostensibly to look for horses. Case and Stephenson came to town, returning Wednesday, Strong returning some time that night. Next morning Case first spoke of cattle, telling Stephenson and Strong to go over on the Schlegle where they would meet Mills with a bunch of cattle which he intended wintering, but they were to take the cattle to Johnstown and put them in a pasture controlled by his brother-in-law Tom Johnson. Meltendorf found the cattle, Case was arrested, broke jail, was apprehended at North Platte and brought back. Such in brief was the evidence for the prosecution.

The defense introduced Howard Case, his wife and Billy Hunter. They said:

Billy Hunter had Case's saddle until 8 o'clock Sunday night. Case was at home all of Sunday night. He had agreed to winter a bunch of cattle for Mills who intended trading for them on the Missouri river. How many he did not know. Mills told him Tuesday night the cattle would be in Valentine Wednesday night and as he was not ready to care for them just then sent them to Johnstown. Case said he had never seen the stolen cattle except at a distance, denied the story of Meltendorf, of Freda Ahrens and B. Johnson. He said that he did not break jail because he was afraid, and told of his course from the time he stopped at Hackberry Thompson's until arrested at North Platte.

Lack of space will not permit a discussion of the many inconsistencies of the story. Harrington presented the case to the jury, Burns followed, Tucker came next and Harrington reviewed the speeches and the judge instructed the jury, that body retiring at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The prosecution was given the option of naming the count on which it wanted a verdict and chose the first and weakest, that charging defendant with stealing the cattle. After being out 19 hours the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

J. W. Strong is being tried today, on the same charges, and it is probable that a verdict will be asked on the second count. The jury in this case is:

Ed Norris, J. V. Steadman, G. W. Burge, J. A. Yaryan, Arthur Heath, Chas. Maxwell, D. Stinard, J. A. Carroll, W. T. Kincaid, W. T. Bullis, Jas. Hughes and Robert Robinson.

### Sidewalks at Last.

For months, yea and years the children who attended the public school and the M. E. Sunday school, to say nothing of the hundreds of pedestrians on other purposes bent, have had to wade in mud and slush and snow and water whenever they passed lot No. 13 in block No. 7 of the Village of Valentine, corner Virginia and Main streets, and petitions, remonstrances, curses and prayers have been useless in the endeavor to secure a sidewalk along the south side of the property. But at last it has been done, the work being completed Tuesday, and it will be paid for in equal proportions by the school board, the church trustees and the village council, all of whom will be reimbursed when the tax is paid by the owners of the property, if that is ever done. The improvement was ordered by the council, and the contract for construction let for 25 cents a foot. The walk is about 150 feet long.

## WISE HUNTERS



After bargains in Valentine never have much trouble in finding them, because they all know that there is at least one store in town where they can always get what they want at the lowest living prices. Need we mention the name of the store? Just now everybody is hunting Christmas bargains—a present for father, mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, son, daughter, friend or sweetheart—and everyone can find something suitable by visiting the store of

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### DIDN'T YOU KNOW

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